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THE BASQUE CHILDREN'S CAMP

For the last ten days foremost in the minds of people throughout Hampshire has been the thought of the four thousand children from the Basque republic who are being looked after very near to Southampton.

People whom I thought would be unlikely to do so have after a stormy night, enquired anxiously about the children. The Spanish war, which to so many English people has seemed quite impersonal, has suddenly become to them a war in which human people like themselves are engaged and the lives of harmless citizens endangered. The fact that many have been far from realising that the Spanish civil war involves more than impersonal engagements, was impressed upon me by hearing a middle-aged woman near the camp exclaim: "And to think that these are the children who are being bombed!" It has been an occasion when people have been forced to think about those involved in the Spanish conflict.

Before describing the camp it would be useful to give a brief account of the political situation in the country. The strongest party in the Basque semi-autonomous republic is the Basque Nationalist Party. Although this party is supporting the progressive Popular Front, it is, in itself, definitely conservative; its reason for joining the Spanish popular front government is that it will realise the main aim of its programme under the government, namely a measure of autonomy for the Basque provinces. It is very strongly clerical and the priests in its territory are, as is well-known, supporting it against the insurgents. After the capture of Irun and San Sebastian by the rebels, there was, for some months, little decisive action in the Basque sector, but for over a month now a great push has been made by the rebels against Bilbao. It was the intensive bombing of towns such as Guernica in this district, and the feeling aroused in people of all shades of opinion that led Capt. Macnamara, M.P., to decide to attempt the evacuation to this country of a large number of children who were threatened by the terrors of this terrible military movement.

The Joint Committee for Spanish Relief took this job upon itself, and immediately tried to find a field near Southampton for a camp to house the children temporarily. Finally, the field at North Stoneham, now so well known to people all over the country, was acquired and almost immediately volunteers were called upon to help prepare the field. At first the children were expected on Tuesday, 18th May, and volunteers were busy on the Sunday putting up tents and digging latrines. For these jobs a good number of volunteers from College were found. Bank Holiday Monday was a busy day, but it was announced that owing to the British Government's last moment refusal to let four thousand children come to England, there would be only two thousand coming. After one of the English doctors in charge of the children flew from Bilbao to see Sir John Simon, this decision was reversed, but the whole number of the children was delayed because during the period of uncertainty the ship had to be used for another urgent evacuation. There were, therefore, a few more days to prepare the camp for the full four thousand, and at last, on Saturday evening, 22nd May, the Habana docked at Southampton. All Sunday the children were being disembarked, and the last batches went through the medical examination and washing at the baths on Monday morning. After the children were in camp, there were all kinds of new duties for the workers. The bounds of the camp had to be patrolled, both to see that no child escaped and that no unauthorised person entered. The main difficulty at first was caused by curious crowds who, by offering gifts to the children tended to weaken discipline amongst the excited children. Later there was danger of children trying to get away from the camp by the open fields and corpses that adjoin the camp. All night there was a patrol and the College rover crew helped in this work. It was soon obvious that, unless the work was better organised, despite the large supply of volunteers the jobs would be done inefficiently, so we decided that we must organise our helpers from the College if they were to be used to the best advantage. On Tuesday, therefore, a meeting was called at College, where we endeavoured to explain the situation and outlined a method of keeping the camp informed of the number of volunteers we were sending each day,

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for it was clear that none of us could give regular daily service. That information is now being used, and there is a personnel officer at the camp who keeps in touch with all parts of the work and can send volunteers immediately to the right spot. There was much dissatisfaction at first about the lack of centralisation and resulting contradiction of orders, but with time things are improving at the camp.

The children themselves are very interesting and everyone feels that the work they have done to get them safely from danger has been worth while. Most striking about them is their maturity; no doubt much of this is due to the fact that in Southern Europe children do become mature at an earlier age, but it is in no small measure due to the terrible experiences they have undergone. They are bright, intelligent and happy on the whole, but they have in them deep feeling against the despoilers of their country. This political consciousness has surprised many people. Their political feelings are only seen when they are reminded of home, normally they are bright, natural children. With such a younger generation I have great hope for the future greatness of Spain.

G. H. M. S.

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Tuesday, 1st June, 1937.

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Editorial.

The Library is very full now-days, and seats at the tables are difficult to come by. At the end of each hour the noise made by the feet of the departing multitudes has not died away before it is replaced by that of the incoming hosts. Should we see this pre-Finals rush to work if we all toiled steadily throughout the year? It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain material for WESSEX NEWS, as work seems to dominate all minds. It is to be hoped that this lack of material is due merely to the all-absorbing power of work, and not to paralysing fear like that of a rabbit pursued by a stoat.

At last we have had some warm weather, and, like all warm spells, this brings home the fact that it is difficult to bathe here.

The Lido is cheap and attracts many of us, but it is somewhat grating to pay for a swim when from earliest childhood we have been taught that Britain is entirely surrounded by sea, and that its interior is also very well provided with water. But the lichen is none too clean, and good sea-bathing can only be found at a considerable distance, so we must dabble among the elvers or expend vast amounts of energy in conveying ourselves to and from the sea.

By the side of the footpath to Eastleigh is a disused reservoir which many of us must have seen. At present its only use seems to be as a dwelling-place for fish and tadpoles, but if, by some means, College could acquire it, it would make a wonderful swimming pool. Of course it would need to be cleaned out, but the swim when in good repair, and it is big enough to please anybody. If only it were ours!

The President of the Choral Society wishes to call the attention of College to the Symphony Concert which will be presented by that Society on Friday next. For details, see notices.

Lord Fisher had no reputation as an educationalist, it appears, which is unjustifiable. Or was it somebody else who was responsible for the saying "If first, hit hard, and keep on hitting"?

Correspondence

To the Editor of Wessex News.

Dear Sir,
Since the last issue of WESSEX NEWS containing the article on Y.H.A., it has been pointed out that the National Office of the Y.H.A. has now been moved to: Trevelyan House, Church Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. With apologies to anyone who may have been inconvenienced by the mistake. I am,

Yours truly,
P. S. Kenyon.

To the Editor, Wessex News.

Dear Sir,
It has frequently been a source of wonder and of some shame to me that students who are supposed to be the pick of the country's youth, or so some of the students would have us believe, should saunter and slouch along the roads with hands in pockets, shoulders bent almost double and feet scarcely leaving the ground. In point of fact little better than the country tramps. If we were judged by appearances we would be considered the slackest and most unintelligent group of youth in England today. Even the out-of-works who enliven the life of Hall with their choice singing along Monk's Path walk better than we do.

I admit that there is a tendency among a certain number of young people to try and live a pose, but we should not be the people to help perpetuate such a habit. We have only to think of a few of our number who live a pose to realise how distasteful it would be if it became the thing to do. Because we saunter we are not necessarily slack thinkers, but the rest of the world are not to know that. Therefore, do not let them begin to think so.

Yours sincerely,
A Sinner.

P.S.—Needless to add, this letter does not apply to any large extent to members of the female sex who place their hands elsewhere.

For Sale. Ensign Camera, good model, excellent condition, size 3½ ins. x 2½ ins.—Apply H. SHILSTON, W.C.R.

LAST UNION ELECTIONS THIS WEEK

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

To the Editor of the Wessex News.

Dear Sir,
I am haunted from early morn until dewy eve. I shun contact with my fellows, and a chill anticipatory shudder runs down my spine when I see certain individuals, for I never know when that fiendish yell, oscillating between a shrill falsetto and a jarring ordinary voice is going to upset me once more. There are several half-witted imbeciles in College who periodically open their bovine chops and bellow forth inarticulate, unmelodious sounds, in their ghastly attempts to imitate the Tyrolean mountaineers; in fact, they give a fair imitation of a cow calving. I can only offer one explanation, but the "Foxy" 'grads' would probably attribute this behaviour to repression of one form or another.

There is only one decent yodeller in College, and I am far too modest to mention his name.

D. B.

To the Editor of Wessex News.

Dear Sir,
I should like, through your columns, to make more widely known the facilities offered students for swimming and to make an appeal for support for the Swimming Club.

Throughout the year the Club has the use of the corporation bath from 9-10 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We have the better of the two baths at our disposal, and there are two expert and very willing coaches in attendance. This is a chance of learning to swim, and of picking up hints which few students ought to miss, least of all future teachers.

I feel sure there are many students in College, men and women, besides the few keen members of the club, who would thoroughly enjoy a Thursday evening at the baths.

Yours, etc.,
J. Cowling.

A Geography student wishes to acquire further knowledge on the subject of the relations between geology and population. He is especially exercised as to the Cretaceous period. Does this correspond to the teaching profession, or do lime-burners have more to do with chalk?

To the Editor of Wessex News.

It has been borne in upon me lately that there are many persons in this College who take literature and art far too seriously. With art we need not concern ourselves much, as few students here seem to know much about it, in spite of the formation of the Wessex Art Club. With literature, however, the case is different, as even here everybody can read, and has access to literature in varied forms. Freshers come up, having learnt at school to revere English Literature, and many of them continue to revere it here. Some, particularly some women, I think, find their reverence growing greater the longer they stay here.

These misguided folk talk as if literature were one of the great things of life, as if an author were a demi-god. Milton they are not too sure about, but Shakespeare, at any rate, can do no wrong.

Surely it is time that something was done to stop this attitude of mind, to heal these people, lest they infect the next generation, which many of them will soon be teaching. They should be made to realise that, apart from religious writings, the function of literature is primarily to amuse. When literature began, when the bards sang the deeds of heroes in the kings' halls, when the peasant mother told stories by the fireside in the hut, it was for amusement, for catching again the joy of battle, the thrill of high deeds, and the delightful shudder caused by the supernatural. It was not that the words might be pulled to pieces and chewed over one at a time. Cannot they be made to see that a man who writes a book or a poem is not necessarily better than one who can make a wheel or a watch, or who can bring a flock safely through lambing-time? Why should they take it for granted that a writer is permitted, even required, to express fully his own personality, however disgusting and slimy it may be?

This unquestioning reverence for literature has lasted long enough: unquestioning acceptance of a religious faith is, strangely enough, regarded with some contempt, but it is not so with literature. The so-called canons of taste are accepted with blind credulity, and even if the student is not interested in such matters himself, he will zealously preach to a school class the doctrines he has heard. That is why the tastes of most healthy rebellious Englishmen are definitely "lowbrow." Moreover, the average literature-worshipper is a humourless article, and as such is not likely to mix well with his fellow men, for a sense of humour, while it is not the greatest thing in life, is a very important and useful possession.

Has anybody else noted the above tendencies here in U.C.S.? Will anybody else strike a blow against this silly tyranny, and help to make student life a more balanced affair?

I am, Yours hopefully,
A. Cload.

ATHLETIC UNION.

DECISIVE VICTORY in INTER-COLLEGIATE Sports

Evans' Fine Mile Equals Record

College Cricket On Top At Exeter

The Hants Intercollegiate Sports held on Saturday at Portsmouth were imminently successful, especially from the College point of view. In ideal weather, contrasting the usual weather which these sports are held in, some fine racing was witnessed, although the exceptional hardness of the track and a stiff breeze were not in favour of good times. Evans' mile was a personal triumph of stamina and determination, while Morton's efforts in the shot and discus indicate just how much College field events will suffer when he leaves this year. 'Thack' has kindly written up an account of this meeting, showing once again his keen interest in the athletic activities of the College. Thanks are also due to those other members of staff who assisted as judges and officials on Saturday.

The Cricket XI are now coming into their own, with two good victories during the week: Queen Mary's on Wednesday, and more important still, the U.A.U. match against Exeter on Saturday, were both won in convincing style, and augers well for the U.A.U. Championship chances.

The Hampshire Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association held its seventh annual sports meeting on Saturday, Portsmouth, being the host College. Weather conditions were ideal, in fact the best ever experienced for the event.

Southampton put up a splendid performance and easily secured the Championship Trophy with 42 points from Winchester 22, and Portsmouth 7.

All the events were keenly contested, but the Mile provided the most exciting finish. Evans won in his best style in 4 mins. 43 3/5 secs., thus equalling the record. He kept in a handy position until almost the end of the last lap, when he went to the front to breast the tape about three inches ahead of Choat of Winchester, with Newton-Smith a good third.

Morton showed that records are made only to be broken. His 107 ft. 4 1/2 ins. for the discus was an improvement of 6 ft. 2 ins. upon his old record. He had no difficulty in winning the shot and later in the afternoon surprised everyone by doing 19 ft. 5 ins. in the long jump, an event won by Robson with a splendid jump of 20 ft. 2 ins.

The 100 and 200 yards were, as a matter of course, to Wallace, who ran in his usual good style.

Hemming put Southampton further ahead by clearing 5 ft. 4 ins. in the high jump.

The 120 yards Hurdles provided another five points, Mossman and Hemming gaining first and second places respectively. Further points

were collected in the Relay, which was taken with ease. Hoyle did a fine quarter to give Carswell a start of about eight yards on the first 220. Carswell improved on this and Wallace went round the second 220 at express speed to give Dukes a good start for the final half, which he covered in excellent style to pass the post some thirty yards ahead of his nearest rival.

The Club is to be congratulated on its performance in that most gruelling of all races, the three miles team race. Newton-Smith, Moore, Lawrence and Burrows were lapping consistently until the ninth lap, when Newton-Smith, who had previously run a mile and appeared to be suffering from "stitch," dropped back to fourth place. Moore, however, took the lead and finished strongly with Lawrence, Newton-Smith and Burrows well placed. An extra word of praise is due to the team on its jockeying on the bends. It was really pretty to watch.

Portsmouth won the Women's Championship trophy by the narrow margin of 3 points. The Southampton representatives put up a splendid show considering there were only seven in the team. Miss Luff took the 220 yards quite easily and was unfortunate to be passed on the tape in the 100 yards. However, she won the quarter after resisting a strong challenge from Miss Roberts of Portsmouth. Miss Westbrook was a good third.

Miss Scott did well to secure third place in both jumps. The relay was well run and won, Luff, Westbrook, Hunt and Butcher all giving a fine performance.

The trophies were presented by the Vice-Chairman of the Portsmouth Education Committee in the absence of the Lady Mayoress. Finally, a word of praise to the Portsmouth and other officials for the excellent organisation of the meeting.

Results.

MEN.

220 yards, 1, Wallace (S); 2 Kirkpatrick (W); 3, Craig (W); 237 1/10 secs.

Half-mile, 1, Browning (W); 2, Hodges (P); 3, Hoyle (S); 2 mins. 5 1/10 secs.

120 yards Hurdles, 1, Mossman (S); 2, Hemming (S); 3, Gurling (W), 18 secs.

Shot, 1, Morton (S); 2, Davidge (W); 3, Casley (P), 35 ft.

440 yards, 1, Craig (W); 2, Browning (W); 3, Hoyle (S), 54 1/10 secs.

Discus, 1, Morton (S); 2, Bleach (P); 3, Browne (P), 107 ft. 4 1/2 ins.

High Jump, 1, Hemming (S); 2, Skeet (S) and Miller (W), 5 ft. 4 ins.

One Mile, 1, Evans (S), 2, Choat (W); 3, Newton-Smith (S), 4 mins. 43 3/5 secs.

100 yards, 1, Wallace (S); 2, Skeet (S) and Richards (W), 10 1/10 secs.

Long Jump, 1, Robson (S); 2, Morton (S), 3, Kirkpatrick (W), 20 ft. 2 in.

3 Miles Team Race, 1, Southampton; 2, tie, Portsmouth and Winchester, 17 mins. 2 1/2 secs.

Relay (1 mile), 1, Southampton; 2, Winchester; 3, Portsmouth, 3 mins. 52 4/5 secs.

WOMEN.

220 yards, 1, Luff (S); 2, Sewell (P); 3, Butcher (S), 29 3/5 secs.

440 yards, 1, Luff (S); 2, Roberts (P); 3, Westbrook (S), 71 secs.

Long Jump, 1, Joyce (P); 2, Roberts (P); 3, Scott (S), 15 ft. 2 1/2 ins.

100 yards, 1, Sewell (P); 2, Luff (S); 3, Joyce (P), 12 4/5 secs.

High Jump, 1, Joyce (P); 2, Higgins (P); 3, Scott (S), 4 ft. 4 ins.

Relay (440 yards), 1, Southampton; 2, Portsmouth, 56 9/10 secs.

CRICKET.

1st XI v. Queen Mary's College, London.

U.C.S. 85. Queen Mary's 53.

On Wednesday, the 1st XI defeated Queen Mary's College by 32 runs at Swaythling.

College batted first, in the rain, and after 1 1/2 hours of play, when the score was but 35 for 8, prospects of victory seemed very distant. But, at this point, Shannon joined Thorp and between them, for the ninth wicket, they doubled the score, bringing it to 70, when Shannon was dismissed having made an extremely useful 11. The innings closed with the score at 85, Thorp being last out after making an excellent 41. The only other player to reach double figures was Wilkes with 12, who earlier had made a brave attempt to stop the rot.

Queen's batted after tea, and it was due to Shannon's fine bowling and the team's improved fielding that the visitors made only 53. Shannon bowling well, took 6 for 18, and in one period took 4 wickets in 3 overs without conceding a run.

1st XI v. Exeter, (U.A.U.)

On Saturday the College XI visited Exeter for a U.A.U. match. White lost the toss and Exeter batted first on a batsman's wicket. Runs came slowly, but after Shannon obtained an early wicket the College attacked met with little success and 40 runs were on the board for the loss of one wicket.

Then Furn replaced Shannon, and in the course of four overs obtained two wickets. Pettit, who was bowling from the other end, made the ball fly disconcertingly and claimed two victims. At lunch Exeter had scored 60 for 5.

White and Pettit "ragged the batsmen down" after the interval, and four more wickets fell quickly. Then the College fielding fell off, and the Exeter last wicket added 40, the innings closing at 132. Eden claimed five victims, all caught, behind the stumps and White (4 for 36) and Pettit (3 for 32) were most successful with the ball.

The College innings opened cautiously, but with only four runs on the board, Eden was out l.b.w. Glover, James (7) and White (9) also failed, but Eastham batted beautifully for 27. At tea the score was 58 for four.

After tea, the College were definitely on top, Pettit and Thorp scored freely, adding forty for the fourth wicket. At 98 Pettit was caught for 13, but Finn showed admirable restraint while Thorp knocked off the necessary runs. The College innings was declared closed at 140 for five wickets. Thorp having contributed a rapid and invaluable 71 not out. The College thus won by five wickets, and can look forward with more confidence to the visit of Reading on Saturday next.

TENNIS.

The mixed match against the staff last Wednesday was, as usual, most enjoyable, though the weather did its best to spoil it. The games were all very even, but the College team managed to win 8-4 after some hard struggles. The team is much looking forward to the return match in June.

On Saturday College beat Goldsmith's in a mixed match by 7 matches to 4, with one unfinished.

MEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.

A very much depleted team visited Reading on Saturday. In the absence of H. J. Morris, and with only five swimmers to carry out the whole programme of events, College were beaten by a very much improved Reading team. However, College were by no means out of the picture, and some good racing was seen, particularly from L. C. Russell, who won the 100 yds. free style and the 50 yds. back stroke. However, two swimmers immediately after one another proved too much for only five swimmers.

Results.

100 yds. free style, (1) Russell, 50 yds. free style, (3) Cowling, (4) Marsh.

50 yds. back stroke, (1) Russell, (4) Edwanson.

50 yds. breast stroke, (2) Edwanson, (3) Solomon.

Diving, (1) Cowling, (3) Edwanson and Reading (tie).

Medley Relay, (1) Reading,

(2) U.C.S.

Free Style Relay, (1) Reading,

(2) U.C.S.

Reading, 37 1/2 points

U.C.S., 27 1/2 points

Staff Tea

Any doubts as to the fraternal relations existing between Staff and students were dispelled during the social hour—with tea—organised by Montefiore and Russell on Monday last. A seemingly chastened Mr. Dudley received the guests into an Assembly Hall which surely has never looked better. (Common observation—"I never thought that Assembly Hall could look so nice"—but did this refer to the decorations or the spread?) It was good to see the formal chit-chat over the tea-cups blossoming out into really informal and friendly conversations. So lively did the conversation become that our excellent orchestra was rather overshadowed, but Priddy did recognise—and approve—his erstwhile battle-song, "Ikla's Moor," and one or two tables felt constrained to augment the orchestra's selection from "Pinafire."

Certain points stand out in an enjoyable hour—in the admirable and efficient way in which Miss Westbrook supervised and helped—the fact that Montefiore wielded a pretty tea-pot—the restraint of Miss—in refraining from showing us again her new tumbling trick—and the fact that no spoons were missed.

Once again Monte and Russell express their good wishes to the Staff, and hope that true camaraderie will exist between them and us in the coming year.

And have you heard that one about the birthday cake with pink icing and the "s" in the middle—"I was there..."

Architecture Soc.

On Saturday, May 5th, the Architecture Society had its annual outing, and about 20 people, kindly transported in staff cars, set off for Britain's largest earthworks. As every schoolboy knows, Maiden Castle is neither maiden nor a castle, but for all the world like a gigantic flat refectory bun, the three lead rings coinciding with the elevations, with their outcrops of chalk. Maiden Castle put up a considerable resistance to Roman attack.

In spite of a few stops on the way (for coffee, so they said), all the cars got there. Lunch over, Professor Betts incorporated what he had been reading on the way up into a short lecture. The entire party was, however, able to walk round the outside of the inside of the earthworks, examining signs of ancient Briton and Roman occupation (pagan temples and pottery) and signs of recent British occupation (cigarette ends and matches).

After this tour de force, many of the party examined Bre Regis via Weymouth. Everybody was back in Southampton well before closing time and had a most enjoyable day.

L. G. O'N.

Umbrella Town!

It always seems to be accepted without question that Manchester is one of the wettest places on earth. I should love to know how that much-maligned city got that reputation. For, on examining the figures, one may discover that it is completely unfounded. One may, in fact, make so bold as to say that *Manchester is drier than the South!* Here are the figures to prove it, obtained from a meteorological expert. In the past fifteen years the average rainfall in Manchester was 34.35 in. and the average number of days a year on which rain fell was 194. The corresponding figures for many "sunshine" resorts was as follows:—

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Isle of Man 45.36 in.; 213per yr.	
Southport 34.40 " 198 "	
Buxton 47.85 " 209 "	
Ilfracombe 38.06 " 185 "	
Redruth 47.34 " 214 "	
Torquay 34.69 " 174 "	
Falmouth 44.43 " 196 "	

Manchester can also compare favourably with several other southern resorts, including Eastbourne, Brighton, and Bournemouth.

The city lies in the centre of what is probably the densest forest of mill chimneys in the world. Consequently, in the centre of the city as much as a third of the possible sunshine is lost to view. In spite of this, Manchester compares favourably with other places. As for temperature, the average in Manchester is one of the highest in the British Isles. I could go on and quote figures in Manchester's favour, but I think enough has been said to prove that the city's damp reputation is false.

MANCUNIAN.

A Puppet Show

Last Friday evening, the members of South Stoneyham House and several guests were entertained to a demonstration of puppetry by Mr. Ronald Parker, of Goldsmith's College. Professor Cock introduced Mr. Parker, as a student who, although only 20 years of age, had gained a wide reputation for his skill in puppetry.

The programme opened with the quartet scene between Sir Peter and Lady Teazle from "The School for Scandal." The irascibility of the old knight, and the wilfulness of his extravagant wife were amusingly portrayed in voice and gesture, though much of the effect was lost in the poor positioning of the puppets.

In the variety item, double-jointed "Bill Breeze" danced the hornpipe, "Goldie Wayne" kicked high a pair of pleasing legs to the tune of the "Pizzicato," and Aldra died gracefully in her swandance.

The programme concluded with a rendering of the last scene of

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Cosmopolitan Club

The foreign students had the good fortune last week to penetrate into the mysteries of cigarette manufacture, when they visited the Imperial Tobacco Co.'s works at Shirley, one group on Thursday and one on Friday. They saw every stage of the various processes from the opening of the bales of dry tobacco leaves to the actual packing of the cigarette as we smoke it. The only statistic the writer remembers is the colossal figure of 350,000,000 (please keep all the 0's, Mr. Editor) cigarettes a month produced by this one factory. But what was particularly interesting was the incredible speed with which the smart green-coated girls picked up fifty cigarettes at a time and jammed them into a tin—almost before one could say Jack Robinson. They are said never to make a mistake.

One was also impressed by the extreme care taken to avoid any waste, even the stems of the tobacco leaves being ground down, and the floor regularly swept to collect tobacco dust—due to the heavy duty of 9/6 on a pound of raw tobacco.

An excellent tea was provided, and each visitor presented with a tin of Gold Flake. Sincere thanks are due to Mr. Thatcher, the manager, Mr. Percy Coombs the organiser, and to all the officials who showed such courtesy in conducting the students and explaining details.

D. W. K.

French Association

A good crowd was waiting in Highfield Common Room at 4.15 p.m. on Friday for tea and the French Consul, hungry for food for the mind and the body, there being as yet no signs of M. Le Conte de la Combe to provide the former, the gathering could still begin to satisfy the latter. When the Consul arrived (having been to College first by mistake) he announced immediately that his "light" subject was to be "Quelques impressions de la vie Anglaise"; his talk on a rather popular theme was interesting, amusing, and very well delivered.

In his brief survey of English customs and institutions from a foreigner's point of view, he praised our education system and emphasised the fact that the English word "sport" has been adopted in almost every other language, love of games emanating from England. He spoke of English charity which enabled hospitals to be maintained by voluntary giving—a debatable question. M. le Consul discovered amusingly and at length on the differences between the English and French "cuisine," the one being merely a trade, the other an art; whereas the French will experiment ambitiously, the English are content with their cast beef and potatoes and cabbage "boiled in water."

The Consul was warmly thanked for his very enjoyable "causerie."

Calendar

Members of the general public interested in any particular activity are invited to communicate with the Deputy Registrar, University College, Southampton.

In most cases, an invitation will be gladly extended to interested persons, but in certain cases membership of the particular Society is essential.

Tuesday, 1st June.

- 1.20 p.m. Room 35. Christian Union. Bible Study.
- 1.20 p.m. Socialist Society.
- 5.15 p.m. Research Fellowship Lecture by Dr. A. Lawson, "The Synthesis of Vitamin B1."
- 6.0 p.m. Choral Society. Music Studio.

Wednesday, 2nd June.

- Men's Tennis Club 1st Team v. King Alfred's College. Home.
- Men's Tennis Club 2nd Team v. King Alfred's College. Away.
- Women's Tennis Club 1st Team v. West End. Away.
- 8.30 p.m. Choral Society. Assembly Hall. Rehearsal with full orchestra.

Thursday, 3rd June.

- 7.30 p.m. Southampton and District Gardeners' Society. "Japanese Flowering Cherries" by Mr. Collingwood Ingram.
- 1.20 p.m. Architecture Society.
- 1.20 p.m. Socialist Society.
- 1.20 p.m. Choir Practice.

Friday, 4th June.

- 1.20 p.m. League of Nations Society.
- 8.30 p.m. College Symphony Concert. (Tickets 3/6, 2/6, 1/3, 1/- Schools, obtainable from the Secretary for Extra-Mural Studies, University College.)

Saturday, 5th June.

- Men's Tennis Club v. Reading. Away.
- Women's Tennis Club v. Portsmouth Tennis Club. Home.

Sunday, 6th June.

- Collegiate Service at St. Mary's, South Stoneyham. Preacher: The Rev. B. Iceley, M.A., of St. Luke's, Southampton.

Monday, 7th June.

- 1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club. Music Studio. Piano trio and Quintet for Students' Orchestra.

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Othello, with appropriate music and setting.

Mr. Parker obviously combines a clever manipulative skill, with considerable dramatic ability, and we shall look forward to his lectures at the Summer School. After the show the men of South Stoneyham played with the dolls until bedtime.

D. B.

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